

Join a Village Improvement Team!

Your FHA Board is very appreciative of your responses to our Community Assessment Survey. Key findings of the Survey have led the FHA's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) to identify four initiatives that have wide community interest and can enhance life in our Village. The four proposed initiatives are ...

- Walking Paths & Nature Trails
- The Gathering Place
- Village Attractiveness & Renewal
- Aging in Our Community

Our Board fully supports each of these initiatives as they further our shared community vision; now, to accomplish them, we need your help. Simply put, the Board cannot accomplish this work alone. With active community participation we can move much closer to achieving our mutual goals. Our shared values make Ferrington what it is, and your commitment and participation will drive our success. Now we ask for your assistance and strongly encourage you to consider joining a Team focused on one of these four initiatives. When volunteering consider the issue about which you are most passionate and committed.

If you are able to invest your time, energy and abilities over the next three to four months, the LRPC would be delighted to consider your participation on one of these Teams. Teams will consist of 3 to 9 residents.

You should consider the following general personal requirements and expectations prior to volunteering:

- You have some relevant expertise and sufficient time to engage with your chosen Team.
- You are enthusiastic about its mission and willing to collaborate frequently with other Team members over the next 3 to 4 months.

Please contact any of the members of the LRPC Lifestyle Subcommittee to volunteer and outline your qualifications and relevant experiences, or just to learn more about these initiatives.

We look forward to hearing from you!!

Lifestyle Subcommittee, FHA Long Range Planning Committee

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Initiative Descriptions

The descriptions below are intended to guide Team members and are not meant to set outside parameters; for example, each Team will determine its own processes for accomplishing its work and if a Team were to determine it needed to go beyond the descriptions below, it could do so as long as the overall outcome remains consistent with the Team's original assignments. The chosen "leader" of each Team will either be, or agree to become, a member of the LRPC.

Teams should consider the following general requirements. Teams should....

- Identify specific features likely to enjoy widespread interest among residents or a defined segment of residents.
- Emphasize the investments of time and money most likely to enhance their recommendations.
- Focus on the features most likely to be successfully achieved over a 1–3-year timeframe.
- Lay out a plan of action to achieve stated goals for the highest priority improvements. Indicate instances where recommendations may be fully or partially achieved through Team and resident participation.

Walking Paths & Nature Trails

In our recent Community Survey, the walking paths and nature trails were very popular with residents. Residents want to both improve our existing paths/trails and expand them. The FHA is currently working to improve maintenance cooperation among landowners on all existing fixtures. The Walking Path & Nature Trail Team will evaluate and propose additional paths and trails by identifying new potentially popular segments, ascertain land ownership and funding sources. New Nature Trails would require some volunteer labor source. This Team will meet regularly to research, establish priorities, needs, opportunities and funding for a multi-year development plan in order to make our outdoor experience more enjoyable.

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The Gathering Place

According to our recent Community Survey, the Gathering Place is used by over 2/3s of Fearington Village residents. Many comments have been made about the adequacy, and the shortcomings of the structure as currently designed and equipped. The Gathering Place Team will review usage data, design models, trends in computing and A/V equipment, etc., to develop a proposal for upgrading today's structure to meet current and future needs for this common community space.

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Village Attractiveness and Renewal

Village appearance and upkeep are enormously important parts of our enjoyment of daily village life, and if one day you decide to sell your home, you certainly want the village to present well -- i.e., have strong curb appeal. The Village Renewal and Attractiveness Team will look at the areas around the village that are visible to us while taking a walk or driving our cars within Ferrington. The areas of review should include condition of roads and facilities such as mail kiosks, the village center and recreation areas; and the appearance and upkeep of "green" areas abutting roads such as Jenny's Park, grassy areas and wooded areas that are reasonably visible while driving or walking on a village road. If there are "eyesores" or areas or facilities in need of upkeep, can be listed/described, prioritized in terms of relative need for correction and an indication provided of what is required to improve the areas listed.

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Aging in Our Community

When asked "If planning to leave Ferrington Village, where do you plan to go?", 59% of respondents to our recent Community Survey stated "Nowhere, Plan to Age in Place." Well, this is the place. While our Covid year has shown many of us how much more easily this might be accomplished than we might previously have thought -- prescriptions, groceries, packages, attractive and tasty meals can be delivered directly to our doors -- at the same time we have learned how lonely life can become sequestered in our homes, at best zoom-length from our friends and families. The Aging in Our Community team will be challenged to catalog the "best Aging in Community practices" of other communities and countries and evaluate the appropriateness of adopting and adapting some of these ideas in our Village. This team will look at structures, associations, assistance, security, traffic management and attitudes.... and make recommendations.

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